

**The Hilton Baptist Church Record**  
**Lynwood Wells, Pastor**  
**May 9, 2017**

**HBC Counting Report for May 7, 2017**

8-102 Wednesday Night Dinner.....	\$75.00
8-104 Annie Armstrong Offering.....	\$35.00
8-105 PBA Associational Offering.....	\$126.00
8-145 Cash in Cash out- Coffee Fund.....	\$2.00
8-200 Future Growth.....	\$26.00
8-403 Food Pantry from WMU.....	\$25.00
8-145 Cash in Cash out- For food pantry reimbursement.....	\$1058.36
8-403 Food Pantry.....	\$770.00
8-404 WMU Bennie Russell Scholarship.....	\$10.00
8-404 WMU More than Nets.....	\$20.00
8-412 Pure Water Pure Love.....	\$50.00
Designated Budget Initial Offering.....	\$5.00
Designated Budget in Memory of Mary Pulley.....	\$200.00
Budget Offering.....	\$4940.30
Total Deposit.....	\$7342.66

Sunday School Attendance 49—one class no report

Contacts: 47

Worship Attendance : no report

**April 2017 Recap**

Budget Receipts \$17,869.27  
 Budget Expenses \$24,343.69  
 Designated Receipts \$5,854.79  
 Designated Expenses \$5,801.05

**Money Market** \$60,111.30  
 Savings \$37,902.41  
 Outreach \$16,493.78  
 Building Maintenance \$5,715.11

**R&R** \$19,692.98  
 R&R \$7,859.48  
 PDF \$11,457.09  
 Deacons \$376.41



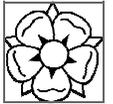
***Pray for our Missionaries!***

- British Columbia– Otis N. Choi
- California– Jim Jang, Antony Jones
- Colorado– Oksana Kreiman
- Connecticut– Linda Thiel
- Georgia– Allison Harvey
- Louisiana– Trey Flores– Arroyo
- Maryland– Julius Rookwood
- Michigan– Matt Pennell
- Mississippi– Adrienne Bobo
- Missouri– Nancy Seay, John Voss
- New York– Maydeline Berona, Cheryl Butler
- North Carolina– Gawanna Alexander Kimberly Gates, Brittainy Gillespie
- Ohio– Natasha Opoku
- Quebec– Julie Laventure
- Tennessee– Bill Eskind
- Virginia– Cresta Williams, Morris Williams
- Washington– Kellie Simpson
- Central Asian People– BM, MJ, SN
- European People– Shannon Ford, Teddy Holmes
- Northern African and Middle Eastern People– BH
- South Asian People– AK, CI, GS, KR, LA
- Southeast Asian People– NS
- Sub– Saharan African People– TF BS, DS



**May**

Carenet  
 Fill baby  
 bottle  
 Baby items



Church Pantry

*Together For His Kingdom*



**Annie Armstrong Offering**

HBC Goal \$5000.00  
 Amount Collected to date \$3842.00

**PURE WATER, PURE LOVE**  
 A Ministry of WMAU



**OUR ON GOING MISSION....**



**BABY BOTTLE TIME !!!!**

If you see a baby bottle take it and fill it up with change! We need to turn in the money by Mothers Day. Pat Painter will be taking the bottles to All donations will help the Care Net Pregnancy Center.

Bottles are on the stage in Prior Hall giving!



## Weekly Assignments

### Greeters

May 14– Ricky Bennett  
Leanne Gardner

May 21– Robert Overman  
Pam Cooke

### Ushers

**Please make sure to monitor  
the hallways**

May 14– Mia Kuhlne  
Colleen Devol

May 21– Don Krause  
Roger Cooke

### Lock Up

May 14– Joe Wircenske  
May 21– Pam Cooke

### Bus Ministry

May 14– Kirk Crippen  
May 21– Stan Langdon

### SS and Children's Church

May 14– Heather Nemeč  
May 21– Kathy Devol

### Food Distribution this week

May 9– Jean Parker  
Ann Nichols  
May 11– Sue Monfalcone  
Dreama

### WNS Support

May 10– Vision Team  
May 17– WMU

### Nursery Helpers

May 14– Faith Class  
May 21– Hope/ Tribble Class

### Parking Lot Attendants

May 14– Moses Sabb– Front PL  
Robert Overman– Back PL  
May 21– Don Krause– Front PL  
Roger Cooke– Bank PL



## This week at HBC

### Monday– May 8th

6:30pm Vision Team

### Tuesday– May 9th

1030am– Happy Hearts  
1pm– 3pm Food Distribution

### Wednesday, May 10th

5:30 pm Wednesday Night  
Supper  
6:15 pm NC Practice  
6:00 pm Youth  
6:15 pm Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, May 11th

1pm– 3pm Food Distribution

### Sunday– May 14th

9am Sunday School  
10am Worship Celebration  
Mother's Day

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### May Birthdays this week

7– Jane Roy  
8– Michael Ware  
9– George Coleman  
10– Barbara Hansford  
11– Beverly Hudson  
12– Madelynn Collier  
Jonathan Michie



Calling all youth.....  
Memorial Day Weekend  
Friday May 26–  
Monday, May 28th

Come join Pastor Tee and the rest of the Youth for  
a weekend of spiritual refreshing and fun.

Spaces are still available. You don't want to miss it.  
See Pastor Tee for more information.

# Jamboree

Senior Adult June Jamboree  
Parkview Baptist Church–  
Thursday, June 29th

12:00 to 3:00pm

Lunch will be served

Program: International Students  
Craig Waddell  
Summer Mission Workers

Cost \$5.00 Deadline to register in June 22nd  
Call Mike Haywood 596-4587, 508-7557  
Email [dirtybluepinto@aol.com](mailto:dirtybluepinto@aol.com)

give  
Local  
757!  
MAY 9

Go to [Givelocal757.org](http://Givelocal757.org)  
May 9th from  
Midnight to Midnight

Help support LINK and  
many other Local  
organizations.

## Shoes for Link

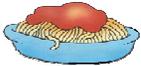
We are collecting shoes for LINK. By partnering with LINK to help them collect 7500 pairs of shoes, they will receive \$3000.00 to go toward the many programs that they have.



NEW, USED and even shoes that may need a little TLC....  
Slippers, flip flops, tennis shoes, dress shoes, heels BUT NO ROLLERSKATERS or ICE SKATES! Men, women and children!

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner May 3rd

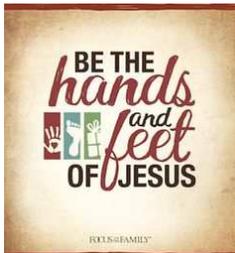
**Chef's Choice**  
Adults \$5.00/  
Children \$3.00



**Hilton Area Churches  
First United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday, May 16th  
1:30pm—6:00pm**

Don't forget your donations for the Food Pantry. All non perishable items, bread, meat, bags, ice packs, fabric bags, we will even take backpacks as we have homeless people come here often with nothing at all.

Thank you for remembering those less fortunate.



**HBC Community Dinner  
Friday, May 26th  
5:30 -6:45**

We are encouraging all of our church people that can to please come and sit with our guests and talk to them.

We want to build relationships with our guests. Sit with someone you don't know. Talk about things that they might be interested in. Come in as a stranger and leave as a friend.



COMMUNITY DINNER

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

This summer we will continue to have our Wednesday Night Fellowship dinner starting at 5:30. If you are on the permanent list for WNS, you will not be removed. If you would like to join us, please call the office and add your name.

We would like for everyone to come and be a part every Wednesday before our prayer service. See you on Wednesday!



## Hilton Area Churches Vacation Bible School

July 10– 15.....We need you!  
Workers and Children!

Registration is online, if you do not have a computer or need assistance with registering, let Pam Cooke know...she will take care of you!

Planning has already started for VBS! Please plan on coming and helping as we pour into the lives of kids!

See Pam Cooke for more information!

### Items needed for VBS.

If you can help with donating these items for Vacation Bible School, please put them on the stage in Prior Hall.

- Empty 16oz. Water Bottles
- Empty toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls
- Glass baby food jars with lids.



*“Serving Our local Community with the Love of Jesus”*



### ***Is Our God A “Killjoy God?”...***

Is God a killjoy? Sometimes we may imagine God as a task master, a dictator opposed to fun or pleasure. That is what most people probably think when they drive by a outdoor billboard that says “*Don’t make me come down there – God.*” We may envision Him as a grimacing judge with a gavel, readily pointing out faults and stifling any sense of joy we have.

Immediately after becoming a Christian you are required to undergo a “fun bypass” surgical procedure that ensures that fun is removed from our system. It’s like an old school arcade game, where things pop up and you have to hit them with a massive hammer. Sometimes people feel that God is just waiting up in Heaven for something fun to pop up in life and then “whack” saying “Hey, you! Yeah, you. You look like you’re having fun over there. Well, cut it out unless you want another whack.”

God does not want to spoil our fun. He wants us to enjoy our life. He wants us to have joy. In John 10:10, He said that He came so that you would have life, and have it to the full. He came so that you would have abundant, overflowing life.

God wants you to enjoy life. Romans 6:4 says, “... *you were given his wonderful new life to enjoy.*” God made you. He knows how you operate best. And He knows what makes you happy. God is not a killjoy. He likes laughter. He enjoys it when you’re having fun. He wants your life to be full of joy-complete, full, and incredible. But here is the thing we need to remember: Joy depends on God, and joy comes from God.

Is it really possible to have real joy? Often we go through life experiencing less joy than what God desires for us. We become weighed down by life’s circumstances and allow those things to rob us of the life-giving joy that God intends for us. And we look at God as a killjoy because since He is in complete control of everything, He is responsible for the valley’s in our life.

I have often wondered what God is thinking when we blame Him. I’m thinking something along the lines of “wait, how is this my fault? I never promised this path would be perfect.”

Psalm 16:11 (Amplified) says, “*You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.*”

God is a loving Father who wants to fill our lives with extravagant joy. He wants us to dance and laugh and sing because we are happy – deep, down soul happy. That doesn’t sound like a killjoy to me.

*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*

### ***How We Learn To Love Better***

The best way to learn anything is to learn by a model. As individuals, each of us should have spiritual mentors we can follow and learn from. As churches, the same principle applies.

When we see another group of believers reaching the lost and doing a better job of making disciples than we are, then we should at the very least be willing to consider, “Oh, that’s how you do it! I’ve got that!” We always learn faster, quicker and deeper when somebody gives us an example.

Who is the best example for love? It’s Jesus Christ. Jesus was the only person with perfect love, with perfect understanding of relationships.

In John 13 Jesus said, “*I’m giving you a new commandment; love each other in the same way that I have loved you.*” Circle “in the same way.”

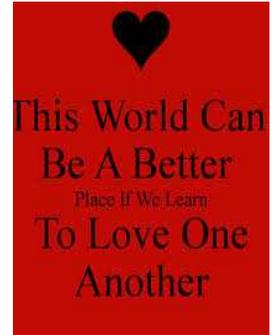
Jesus says the way that I have modeled, the way that I have loved you, I want you to pass that on to other people. I’m the model and the way that I love you is the way I want you to love other people. *John 13:15 “I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.”*

You can’t fully understand how to love other people until first you understand how much God loves you. You cannot offer to other people what you don’t possess yourself. You can’t be gracious to others if you haven’t felt God’s grace. You can’t be merciful to others if you haven’t felt God’s mercy. You can’t be loving to others unless you understand how much God loves you.

When you get that, when you feel it, when you understand the incredible, audacious, indescribable love that God has for you and you feel it in your life, then you’re going to be a whole lot more loving of other people. It’s going to be a whole lot easier for you to love other people.

I know without a doubt you’ve had wounds in your life. You’ve been hurt, no doubt. They’re wounds from rejection by peers and parents and other people. God cares. I care. Your brothers and sisters in the HBC Family care. You need to make Jesus Christ the most important person in your life and start filling your mind with what He says.

That is the starting point for love. You can’t love others until you know how much God loves you. *Ephesians 3:18 “May you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep God’s love really is.”*



## Good Luck, Bad Luck, Who Knows?

An ancient Chinese story goes something like this...

A farmer had one old horse that he used for tilling his fields. One day the horse escaped into the hills and when all the farmer's neighbors heard about it, they sympathized with the old man over his bad luck. "Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?" said the farmer.

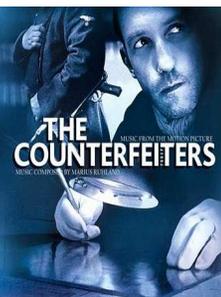
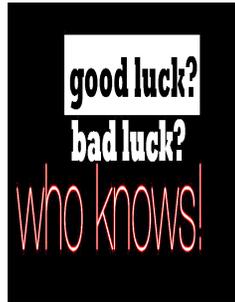
A week later, the horse returned with a herd of wild horses from the hills and this time the neighbors congratulated the farmer on his good luck. "Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?" said the farmer.

Then, when the farmer's son was attempting to tame one of the wild horses, he fell off its back and broke his leg. Everyone agreed that this was very bad luck. Not the farmer, who replied, "Bad Luck? Good luck? Who knows?"

Some weeks later, the army marched into the village and forced every able-bodied young man to go fight in a bloody war. When they saw that the farmer's son had a broken leg, they let him stay. Everyone was very happy at the farmer's good luck. "Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?"

Life is a lot like that. Sometimes it seems like things are going well, and at other times, things seem to be going badly. And we let those things dictate our feelings and our outlook on life.

But the apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4 that he had learned to be content, even happy, in all circumstances. He was happy when things were bad (he was in jail at the time), and he was happy when things were going good as well. That's the great thing about being part of God's family. We really don't have to worry in our circumstances, because no matter what, we have hope in Christ. "We know that in everything, God works for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28).

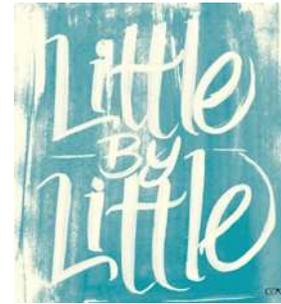


## The Counterfeiter

A big-city counterfeiter decided the best place to pass off his phony \$18 bills would be in some small "hick town." So, he got into his very expensive new luxury car and off he went.

After driving for a while, he found a tiny town with a single store. He entered the store and handed one of the bogus bills to the man behind the counter. "Can you change this for me, please?" he asked.

The store clerk looked at the \$18 bill for a short time, then smiled and said to the man, "Ah reckon so, mister. Ya want two nines or three sixes?"



## Little By Little..."

*The Lord your God will drive those nations out ahead of you little by little. You will not clear them away all at once .... Deuteronomy 7:22*

Although God could instantly transform us, He has often chosen to develop us slowly. Jesus is deliberate in developing his disciples.

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"There is no growth without change; there is no change without fear or loss; and there is no loss without pain."

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Just as God allowed the Israelites to take over the Promised Land "little by little," so they wouldn't be overwhelmed, he prefers to work in incremental steps in our lives.

Why does it take so long to change and grow up? There are several reasons:

**We are slow learners.** - We often have to relearn a lesson forty or fifty times to really get it. The problems keep recurring, and we think, "Not again! I've already learned that!"—but God knows better. The history of Israel illustrates how quickly we forget the lessons God teaches us and how soon we revert to our old patterns of behavior. We need repeated exposure.

**We have a lot to unlearn.** - Many people go to a counselor with a personal or relational problem that took years to develop and say, "I need you to fix me. I've got an hour." They naïvely expect a quick solution to a long-standing, deep-rooted difficulty. Since most of our problems—and all of our bad habits—didn't develop overnight, it's unrealistic to expect them to go away immediately.

Our spiritual growth is directly proportionate to crucifying of our old nature, habits and selfishness of the life we lived before we knew Christ.

There is no pill, prayer, or principle that will instantly undo the damage of many years. It requires the hard work of removal and replacement. The Bible calls it "taking off the old self" and "putting on the new self." (Romans 13:12; Ephesians 4:22-25; Colossians 3:7-10, 14.)

Growth is often painful and scary. There is no growth without change; there is no change without fear or loss; and there is no loss without pain. We fear these losses, even if our old ways were self-defeating, because, like a worn out pair of shoes, they were at least comfortable and familiar.

Every change involves a loss of some kind: You must let go of old ways in order to experience the new. By God's grace – you can!



**Sunday Mornings 9:00am**  
**Wednesday Nights 6:00pm**  
**Saturday Nights – “Fervor!” 6:30pm**

Join Pastor Tee and others for these dynamic Youth Bible studies with the best of contemporary small-group interaction. Helping students identify distortions in vital areas of life, and see with greater clarity and truth about God, themselves and others... in terms to which they can relate!

**Pray often for Our HBC Youth...**  
**That they continue to grow in Christ!**



## ***Digging Ditches***

1 Kings 3 is an interesting chapter. You have a divided and sinful Israel and Judah who have come together to come against Moab. When they face the peril of dying of thirst even before the battle begins, they decide to call of Elisha the prophet of the Lord instead of the prophets of Baal.

They are seeking the Lord’s battle plan. What does the He want them to do? You would think this battle plan would include how to break down the walls or how to get through the gate. A Trojan horse maybe...

No, God instructs them to spend the night digging ditches. If you are a commanding officer in the army this has to sound ludicrous. Have your men work all night digging ditches in enemy territory.

When I worked construction during my summers off from school, I did some major ditch digging on sites for foundations and footings, and it is very hard work. Extremely exhausting. And when it comes to preparing for a battle and eventually a war, extremely exhausting does not seem to be a good idea. What is that going to do? It sounds ridiculous...

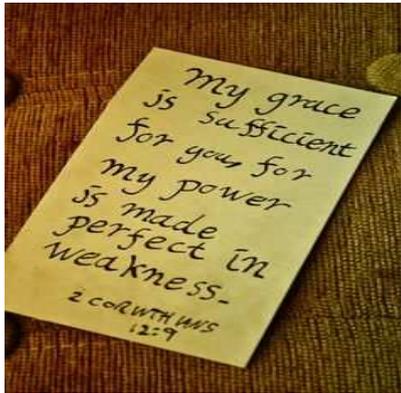
The Lord had something else in mind. He did not explain himself or how it all was going to work out. He didn’t have to He was, is and always will be GOD! They dig ditches and the Lord fills them with water, and when the sun comes up Moab wakes up to what looks like a valley of blood and they think the three armies fought each other and they should go plunder.

What a set up! What a victory! Your enemies handed to you on a silver platter. What a creative plan. We serve an amazing God, full of creativity. His lowest thoughts are a universes bigger and greater than our thoughts. His ways and plans are so much greater than ours, yet if you are anything like me I feel like I need to know the whole plan before I act on it. I wait when I should go. I question when it is God.

He is GOD, and we do not need to know the ins and the outs of His plan we just need to follow. We need to trust Him when he leads and not trust in what makes sense to us.

What ditch is God telling you to dig? Send a resume for a job you are not qualified for? Call a friend you haven’t talked to in a long time? Make the investment in a challenging situation believing God will see it though?

God’s plan in ditch digging may seem like “bad math.” Solders dig ditches+ wear themselves out= victory over enemy. The math might not add up, but He is GOD and he is greater than our math!



## More Than Sufficient Grace

*"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*  
2 Corinthians 12:9

This is God's universal purpose for all Christian suffering: more contentment in God and less satisfaction in self and the world.

I have never heard anyone say, "The really deep lessons of life have come through times of ease and comfort. "But I have heard strong saints say, "Every significant advance I have ever made in grasping the depths of God's love and growing deep with him has come through suffering."

The pearl of greatest price is the glory of Christ. And yet with the meaning of the words "great price" comes the deeper meaning of "great cost" indicating the price has been paid.

Thus, Paul stresses that in our sufferings the glory of Christ's all-sufficient grace is magnified. If we rely on him in our calamity and he sustains our "rejoicing in hope," then he is shown to be the all-satisfying God of grace and strength that he is.

If we hold fast to him "when all around our soul gives way," then we show that he is more to be desired than all we have lost.

Christ said to the suffering apostle, *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* Paul responded to this: *"Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong"* (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

So as Paul discovered, so must we. Oftentimes, suffering clearly is designed by God not only as a way to wean Christians off of self and onto grace, but also as a way to spotlight that grace and make it shine in ways that it would otherwise not be seen.

That is precisely what faith in the midst of our suffering accomplishes; it magnifies the awesome the light and beauty of Christ's future grace, piercing the darkest night of our souls or the fallen world around us.

It is not an easy thing to say, much less accept, embrace and live out.

But, the deeper things of life in God are often discovered only in our suffering and thus learning to rest solely in His amazing grace!



## Become a Tither!

It's estimated that less than one-tenth of all those who attend church give a tenth of their income to God's work, even though the Bible clearly teaches that the first tenth of all we earn belongs to God. "A *tithe of everything...is holy to the Lord.*" (Lev. 27:30)

Today it is estimated that two-thirds of the church's income comes from people aged 69 or older. That's alarming! We need to teach our children the responsibility and rewards of tithing. Perhaps you think tithing only applied to those who lived under the Old Testament law, like the Pharisees. No, Jesus said, "...*unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees... you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.*"

The tithe is a minimum. Your love and faith should determine the maximum. Abraham paid tithes 600 years before the law (Genesis 14:20), then Jesus endorsed it saying we "ought" to tithe (Matthew 23:23), and the writer to the Hebrews confirmed that it is still God's plan (Hebrews 7:4-5).

As believers, we are the spiritual seed of Abraham, and as such, his blessings have been promised to us (Galatians 3:14). But if you want what Abraham had, you've got to do what Abraham did – and he was the first man in Scripture to tithe!

Giving God the first tenth of your income makes Him number one in your priorities. His Word says, *"Bring the whole tithe... Test Me in this...and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."* (Malachi 3:10)

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